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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This response is submitted pursuant to the Office Action Office dated December; 18, 2002. Claims 1-10 are under consideration. A petition for three month's extension of time is herewith submitted, thus extending the due time for response until June 18, 2003. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the claims:

Please delete claims 1-4.

Please amend claims 5 and 8 as follows: